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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Mary Ellen Wiggins, who passed away on September 7, 2008; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins was born on December 30, 1939 in Chicago to the union of George Winsley Wiggins and Mabel Wiggins; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins attended Forestville Grammar School and Dunbar High School; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins accepted Christ as her savior at an early age and was baptized at First Church of Deliverance, where her grandmother and daughter were members; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins later united with the City of Faith Christian Church of Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins was socially and politically involved in her community, where she resided and worked; and

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WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins strongly believed in change and self-sufficiency for all residents; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins began her journey of service as
2 a LAC Clerk at Washington Park Development, where CHA
3 Commissioner Artensa Randolph was the President and the
4 Chairperson of the Central Advisory Council; and

5 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins became the President of the
6 Washington Park Development in 1995; and

7 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins was elected Chairperson of the
8 Central Advisory Council in 2003; she has also served as the
9 organization's Building President and President of the
10 Washington Park Local Advisory Council; and

11 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins believed that her family was
12 the foundation of her life; and

13 WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Wiggins leaves to cherish her memories
14 her sons, Kenneth Sr. and Jeffrey; her daughters, Itasca,
15 Millicent (deceased), Franchesca, Bernadette, Stephanie,
16 Tomika, LaVerne, and Tawiana; her grandchildren, Jason,
17 Tarnisha, Kennetha, Kenneth Jr., Keisha, Sherrita, Carl Jr.,
18 Zataunia, Hananiah, Aasha, Keon, Ashley, Printiss, Aaliyah,
19 Zacari, Damya, and Queonna; her great-grandchildren, Kayla,
20 KyJuan, Kyra, KeShawn, Kyla, Noah, and Sadiyah; her niece,
21 Elaine Hines and her family, Courtney, Shireille, and Roger

1 (deceased); her niece, Tameka and her son, Jarrick; the Hylick
2 family, Sandra, Charlsie, Barry, Sonya, and Steve (deceased);
3 her co-worker and friend, Jimmy Neal; and a host of other
4 loving family members, friends, and colleagues; therefore, be
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6 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL
7 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
8 her family and friends, the passing of Mary Ellen Wiggins; and
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
11 presented to the family of Mary Ellen Wiggins as an expression
12 of our sympathy.